

**HB 2032 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**

**Joint Committee On Ways and Means**

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

Creates the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) Housing Pilot Program within the Housing and Community Services Department. Directs the Oregon Health Authority to administer Mental Health and Behavioral Health Pilot Program. Creates Education and Training Pilot Program within the Department of Human Services. Sets out goals, eligibility criteria, procedures, expectations, and reporting requirements for each of the pilots. Repeals the language for the three pilot programs on July 1, 2022. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Efforts focused on assisting TANF recipients
- Use of TANF dollars to fund pilots

**EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:**

Replaces the bill.

**BACKGROUND:**

The Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) program provides cash assistance to low-income families with children while they strive to become self-sufficient. Cash assistance is intended to help meet a family's basic needs for items such as food, clothing, shelter, and utilities. Pilot projects are focused on areas (housing, mental/behavioral health, education/training) where TANF families are encountering service barriers and targeted at identifying law or other changes needed to improve service access or program success in those areas.